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1. IN ACCORDANCE REF B, DCM CALLED ON ARNAUD, QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, DECEMBER 2, FIRST EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR FRENCH ASSISTANCE IN ARRIVING AT A KOREAN RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD ATTRACT WIDEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT AND, SECONDLY, URGING THAT FRENCH VOTE AGAINST KOREAN RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY ALGERIA AND OTHERS.

2. ARNAUD SAID FRENCH STRONGLY HOPED IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO VOTE ON ALGERIAN RESOLUTION IF WESTERN RESOLUTION FIRST CAME TO A VOTE. IN THAT REGARD HE STATED FRENCH HAD DECIDED TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF GIVING PRIORITY TO WESTERN RESOLUTION.

3. HE ADDED THAT FRENCH "CERTAINLY DON'T SUPPORT
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ALGERIAN'S RESOLUTION" BUT IN ALL FRANKNESS HE COULD NOT SAY THAT THEY WOULD VOTE AGAINST SUCH A RESOLUTION SHOULD IT COME TO A VOTE. GIVEN THE GENERAL FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PROBLEM AND, MORE PARTICULARLY,

THE EMPHASIS THEY CURRENTLY PLACE ON DEVELOPING IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA, HE SAID THAT IN THE EVENT OF A VOTE ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR FRANCE TO DO MORE THAN ABSTAIN.

4. NEVERTHELESS HE GAVE ASSURANCE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE INFORMED OF DCM'S DEMARCHE, THOUGH IN ALL HONESTY HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED IT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT THEY COULD GO ANY FURTHER ON THIS ISSUE. HE POINTED OUT THAT GOF HAD NOW TAKEN A POSITION WHICH WAS MUCH CLOSER TO THAT OF SOUTH KOREA THAN WAS THE CASE WHEN THE ISSUE LAST CAME TO A VOTE TWO YEARS AGO. DUZER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, CALLED ATTENTION TO NUANCE IN THE WORDING OF ALGERIAN RESOLUTION. CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS, IT NOW CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS UNDER THE UN COMMAND, WHICH HE TOOK AS INDICATION OF AT LEAST MARGINAL MOVEMENT ON PART OF ALGERIANS. IN CLOSING, ARNAUD AGAIN EXPRESSED FRENCH DESIRE TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS AND PARTICULARLY HOPED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO ACTUALLY BRING RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY ALGERIANS AND OTHERS TO A VOTE.
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